

Wednesday, January 28 at Luke's Hot Pots when the Midway Booster club paid honor and respect to Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Wherritt for the long and faithful service they have given to Wasatch County.

The following program was enjoyed by those present: trio, Thelma Blood, Lona Kelly and Iona Huffaker; duet, Joseph Jorgenson and Francis Probst; musical stunt, Elda Kohler and Marjorie Provost, accompanied by Tora Springer on the piano; duet, Elda Kohler and Marjorie Provost, accompanied by Mrs. Springer; report on financial condition of the nation, state and county, Francis Tatge, tribute to Dr. Wherritt, Lethe Tatge; history of our state previous to the year 1847, L. C. Montgomery.

Following is a short history of Dr. and Mrs. Wherritt's life:

Dr. William Russell Wherritt was the 7th son in a family of 13 children and was born Dec 16, 1875 at Pleasant Hill, Mo., just 40 miles from Kansas City, a son of T. J. and Elizabeth Russell Wherritt. He attended school in Missouri and at the age of 17 graduated as a registered pharmacist. At 23 he graduated from the school of medicine.

Pleasant Hill being a small town he decided to look for a better place to locate and practice medicine. He went to Gold Hill, Colo., then to Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and to Park City where his brothers, Barton and Robert were living. They brought him to Heber where he met the late Joseph Hatch and his father, Pres. Abram Hatch, who induced him to stay in Heber where a doctor was badly needed. His first office was in the bank building and later he moved to 1st East and Center St. His father having died, his mother came and kept house for him.

He met Emma Hatch and they were married at the family home on Main St. by Pres. Hatch in 1900. They lived at 1st East and Center until 1908 when they bought their present home.

Dr. Wherritt has been city and county health physician most of the time he has been in Heber and since the railroad came to Heber, has been the physician for that company. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, next to the highest degree in that worthy lodge. He is also a member of Mystic Shrine. His life as a public servant will be remembered better by those who remember the flu epidemic in 1919 and the hardships he endured through loss of sleep, making calls to his patients in weather sometimes from 30 to 40 degrees below zero with a horse and buggy.

Cordelia Wilson, better known as "Aunt Delia" was his only constant help in those days and we don't want to forget the many sacrifices she made for the general public for there were no registered nurses to be had in Wasatch at that time.

Mrs. Wherritt was born March 10, 1878 at Heber, a daughter of Joseph and Jane Clyde Hatch. She attended B. Y. U. business college and was bookkeeper in her father's store and assistant buyer for five years. Mrs. Wherritt has also served as a faithful servant in the county, being president of the County D. U. P. for 20 years; vice-chairman of the Red Cross for 20 years; chairman of the Red Cross for 8 years; chairman of the parade committee; member of the fair board; member of the centennial committee and active member of civic and social clubs.

Dr. and Mrs. Wherritt have two children, Dr. W. R. Wherritt of Salt Lake City and Mrs. Lois Todd of Heber City. They have six grandchildren.